

Richmond, Sept. 7.

Plants from the famous Cranberry swamp will be classified by experts of the Smithsonian Institution, D.C. museum as a result of a recent visit by Dr. Paul Bartsch, head curator of the institution and chief of the Department of Zoology at George Washington University, Washington, Bartsch + Dr. T. Parker, also of Washington were guests of Mrs Billie Dotson, here.

"Not since Inuit in Labrador have seen such a sight as Cranberry Glades," Dr. Bartsch said. "The reindeer moss is a mystery as to how it grows here and from whence it comes. In the far north there is an abundance of it, but why it should be in this particular spot in N.H. is beyond me."

The glades, high meadows in the mountains about 35 miles from here, has attracted many plant experts. They describe it as a "zoo" of plant life.

Dogway - Webster Co.

Logged out about 30 yrs ago  
Cherry River Lumber Co.

(Not exactly correct name)  
at that time  
1910

Names in Pocahontas County, West Virginia.—By Dr N. R.

Capital Run, near Arbovale: Name from a tradition that an Indian was wounded in the fight at Crab Creek, camped on the run, while recovering. Poultices of sassafras leaves used to be used by Indians for gun shot wounds afterwards found at this place.

Frost. Situated on high exposed ground, referring to a cold locality. Name of a village and postoffice.

Denmar A lumber town and post office on Greenbrier River, started about 1910 by a Mr Dennison, who came from Hagerstown, Maryland. The name formed from the first syllable of Dennison and Maryland, Denmar. Now the site for the State tuberculosis sanitarium for colored people.

Caesar Mountain Overlooking the Levels of Pocahontas County, and a part of Droop Mountain Battlefield. First settled and named by Henry Messinbird at the beginning of the 19th century. (Prices Historical Sketches, page 110) Messinbird was a man of mystery, who seemed to be well educated, a classical scholar; hence the name, possibly. At his death he freed his slaves, of whom he had several. He left Caesar one mountain, and to Vina another mountain.

Bruffys Creek, Named for the pioneer Patrick Bruffey, who first settled on the branch of Hills Creek. Numerous descendants live in the locality.

Swago Creek Tributary to the Greenbrier River, four miles below Marlinton. Word of Indian origin, probably the same Seneca derivation as Owego. The valley in early days was much frequented by the Indians, evidenced by several Indian Mounds and Indian stone relics found in profusion. Stone (Sint) for artifacts obtained from the limestone strata on this creek.

Dugway Branch of Cranberry River, in the Black Forest. One of those same like Fox Tree, Barrenshe, Hate, Hat, Barwards, Benfor Martin, Little Rough, Big Rough, all branches of Cranberry river, brought here by the Shawnee Indians from Middle Fork of the Kentucky River country. Note the similarity of names recorded by John Fox Jr. in his tales of the Kentucky Mountains.

Jones Name of postoffice from the family name of Jones to whom a great tract of land in lower Pocahontas and upper Greenbrier was granted about 1800 adjoining and perhaps overlapping the great grant to Robert Morris, the banker of the American Revolution.

Edray, About one hundred years ago the name given to the postoffice, from the Bible city Edrai, meaning powerful "a place surrounded." That it is most aptly named will be realized by a look from the Elk Mountain road.

Onoto Near by, was so named upon the establishment of the post office there about forty years ago for a poetess of Japan. I do not now recall whether it was her given or her surname.

Numerous small creeks and runs in Pocahontas county, such as Span Oak Run, Cup Run etc., named from some natural phenomena such as a leaning tree used as a foot bridge, or a hollowed stone, which may have disappeared.

On the head of Swago creek there is a "Natural Bridge" formed by a stratum of the limestone, about forty feet in length and fifteen feet high, under which the stream flows. This bridge in a very rugged country in the forest.

Sunday Lick Run and Monday Lick Run about half mile apart and two miles below Marlinton, tributary to Greenbrier River from the east side near the mouth of Swago Creek. In pioneer days deer licks were frequented on these streams and fanciful names given by hunters. There is a tradition that once a hunter killed a deer on Sunday at one of these licks; Sunday hunting was frowned upon by the early settlers, and the name given as an enduring reproach. Lens Ridge lies between Sunday and Monday Licks, from Len Monday, pioneer hunter.

Raintown A lumber settlement on Stamping Creek near Mill Point, developed by John Raine, lumberman. The mill is gone but a settlement remains. Stamping Creek, a turbulent mountain stream which "clinks" with reverberations. Mill Point named for a pioneer mill race, the mill an over-shot wheel still remains. Stamping Creek nearby was the stamping ground for the buffalo.

Sugar Creek, Tributary to Williams River in the Monongahela National Forest. Named for the protuberance of the trees of the sugar maple species.

Tea Creek, Also tributary to Williams River. A clear stream flowing out of a dense spruce forests. The sedimentary deposits on stones from "red" iron ore gives the water in its bed an amber color. A leached trout stream.

Woodrow, Postoffice and school named for President Woodrow Wilson.

Sittington Creek Named for the first settler, Robert Sittington (Prices sketches, page 235) who settled at Dunmore on this creek. Robert Sittington was the stepfather of Jacob Warwick (1740-1826) my grandfather three remove, who was a noted land owner and Indian scout in Pocahontas and Bath counties. He resided at different times on Jacksons River near Warm Springs and at Clover Lick on Clover Creek on Greenbrier River.

Dunmore, on Sittingtons creek was undoubtedly named for Lord Dunmore the last Colonial Governor of Virginia. After the Revolution, because of personal unpopularity of the

memory of Governor Dunmore repeated moves were made to change the name, but it has persisted none the less. In later years two citizens of the name of Dunn and Moore claimed that the name was coined from their joint names, and Price so states in history of the county. However the place was known as Dunmore in pre-Revolutionary times, being the site of Jacob Warwick's Fort on or near by Deer Creek.

Price Run, Enters Greenbrier River at Marlinton, west side; also Price Hill in the same locality. Home of the Price family, The original Lewis Survey (1751) acquired by Jacob Warwick and settled by his daughter Nancy and her husband Major William T Poage about 1790. The survey, 640 acres comprised the whole of the site of the present county seat, Marlinton. William Thomas Price author of Prices Historical Sketches of Pocahontas County, born here July 19, 1830, and died at the place where he was born January 15, 1921, aged ninety years. The Hill and stream named for the Price Place is now occupied in part by myself.

Pocahontas

3/28/41

# STATE ATTRACTIONS CITED BY BIAS IN ADDRESS TO CLUB

West Virginia Leads in Percent-  
age of Native-Born White  
Population

## RESIDENTS WIN WORLD FAME

First Battles of Revolution and  
Civil War Fought in Borders  
—Leads in Glass Output

An historical sketch of West Virginia, including each progressive step from the time of Virginia's secession during the Civil war, was given by B. Randolph Bias, Williamson attorney, before an unusually large audience of members and guests of the Huntington Woman's club at the monthly general meeting this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock in the club house.

Mrs. Karl C. Prichard, president of the club, presided at the meeting and the program was sponsored by the Civics department, of which Mrs. Douglas W. Brown is chairman. The business session was omitted in order to give Mr. Bias time for his address, "West Virginia," which has received widespread notice in the state.

Mr. Bias is a prominent attorney in Williamson, being former assistant prosecuting attorney of Mingo county and former president of the West Virginia State Bar association.

His address this afternoon, in part, follows:

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line railroad companies their general counsel, Cornwell to Baltimore & Ohio; Fitzpatrick to the Chesapeake & Ohio and Knight to the Virginian.

"Julia Pierpont, who established 'Memorial Day,' was a West Virginian, as was Ann Jaryis, who founded 'Mother's Day.' Alexander Wade, father of the graded school system, was a West Virginian, as was Alexander Campbell, founder of a great church.

"To literature, poetry and history we have furnished such people as David B. Strother, known in Civil war times as Port Grayson; Daniel B. Lucas and his sister, Virginia Lucas, Fannie Kemble Johnson, Dr. John P. Hale, Governor George W. Atkinson, Governor William A. McCorkle, William S. Edwards, Virgil A. Lewis, William Henry Foote, Hugh Maxwell, Bishop George W. Peterkins and Dr. James Monroe Callaghan.

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"Except for certain of the original thirteen colonies there are more graves of soldiers of the Revolution in West Virginia than in any other state.

"One county in West Virginia (Berkeley) gave to our cause in the Revolution five of its generals, including General Gates, Charles Lee and Alexander Stevens.

"The first battle of the Revolution (Point Pleasant) was fought on West Virginia soil as was the last battle, at Fort Henry.

#### First In War

"The first battle of the Civil war was fought at Philippi; the first Union soldier killed in the Civil war was a West Virginian; the Paul Revere of the Spanish American war, the man who carried the message to Garcia, (Major Andrew Summers Rowan) was a West Virginian; the Commander of the flagship New York in the battle of Santiago, was a West Virginian; the first man to scale the walls of Peking in the Boxer rebellion was a West Virginian; and a West Virginian was first of the Allies to reach the Rhine in the World war (Captain Ward Lanham.)

"To the Union it gave its loyalty and to the Confederacy it gave Stonewall Jackson.

West Virginia has given to the Methodist Episcopal church five of its greatest bishops, that "Father of Methodism West of the Mississippi," Andrew Monroe; and its greatest western missionary to Alaska, Mary

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#### Streams For Power

"We have, today, eight thousand public schools, fourteen thousand teachers and spend for them, twenty-five million dollars. We have more than two hundred high schools today while in 1870 we had none. We employ fifteen hundred high school teachers and have more than twenty-five thousand high school students.

"When West Virginia university was established sixty years ago, it had a president, four instructors, and property valued at fifty thousand dollars. Today it has two hundred instructors and property worth more than two million dollars.

"West Virginia has water power furnishing almost inexhaustible possibilities. We have coal enough to supply the world with fuel for a century and uncut timber on our hills sufficient to last for a long time.

"We have produced oil of the highest grade and gas enough to supply several adjoining states. Annually we produce forty per cent of the total production of gas in the country leading all states.

"The largest conical mound, built by a prehistoric race, is located at Moundsville. It is seventy-five feet high and its circumference at its base is 900 feet.

"The first brick paved street in the world was laid in Charleston in 1870.

"West Virginia produces more glass than any state on earth and has eighteen of the largest factories in the world.

"We have the greatest percentage of native born white population of any state in the Union. We are a happy, contented, industrious, sociable, hospitable and law-abiding